
Introduction

Welcome to the Meridian Administration Tools (MAT) Release 5 system. The MAT system provides the Meridian 1 system administrator with tools to administer, maintain and update the Meridian 1 switch. The MAT system consists of MAT Common Services and a portfolio of MAT applications, each of which provides specific system management capabilities.

This user guide describes the MAT Common Services. Separate user guides describe each MAT application.

Note: Users of earlier versions of MAT should take the time to read this document, as MAT has undergone significant improvement. Substantive changes from the previous user guides are marked with change bars on the margins, as shown by the bar to the right of this note.

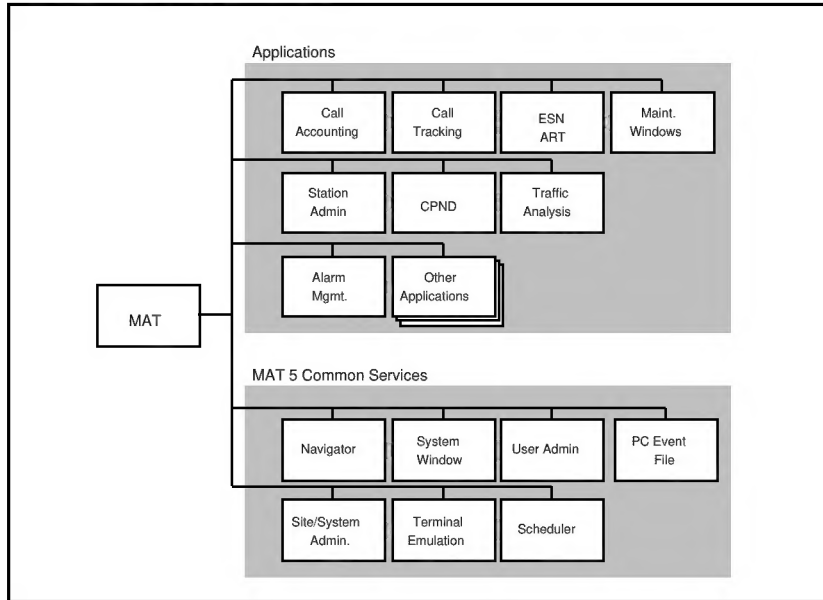
Overview

MAT Common Services provide for the following:

- installing MAT system common components and applications
- defining the MAT environment, including Meridian 1 sites and systems
- using the MAT scheduler
- using the system terminal
- using MAT communications services
- communicating between the MAT user and MAT applications with windows displaying system information

Figure 1 shows the components of the MAT system.

Figure 1
MAT system components



MAT users

MAT is designed for administrators of telecommunications equipment with a working knowledge of Meridian 1 switches and general telecommunications concepts.

This guide assumes you are familiar with PC systems and the Microsoft Windows '95 environment. You should be familiar with the Windows environment before attempting to use the MAT system.

There are two levels of access to the MAT system:

- *Administrator* access allows unrestricted use of MAT and its functions. The system administrator configures the MAT system, sets up the connections to the Meridian 1, and defines user access to MAT application modules.
- *User* access allows read only, read/write, or no access to sites, systems, or applications, as defined by the MAT Administrator. The Administrator can create a broad range of access levels for various users.

Conventions used in this manual

This manual uses the following typographical conventions:

- Angle brackets denote a single keyboard key. For example, **<Esc>** denotes the Escape key, labeled **Esc** on PC keyboards. A series of angle brackets denote keyboard keys to use simultaneously.
- **This font** is used to designate information you are to enter, buttons you are to click, or menu selections you are to choose.
- Hot keys—Menu commands are available using both the mouse and the keyboard. Menu items show one letter as underlined. To choose an item with the keyboard, press the **<Alt>** key and the underlined key at the same time. For example, **<Alt>F** denotes the key sequence for opening the **File** menu.